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TRADE VICE MINISTER MANJOULO

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1. ALEXEI MANJOULO, SOVIET VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, LED AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO BELGIUM FEBRUARY 8-12. HE SIGNED FORMALLY ON BEHALF OF THE USSR A TEN-YEAR ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM WITH BELGIUM. ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY SOURCE, PROGRESS WAS ALSO MADE ON A PROJECT UNDER WHICH BELGIAN EQUIPMENT WILL BE SOLD FOR NEW NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, A PORTION OF THE GAS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BELGIUM BEGINNING AROUND 1980. BELGIUM AGREED TO EXTEND A NEW BF 8 BILLION LINE OF CREDIT FOR THE DURATION OF THE PRESENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

2. THE SOVIET DELEGATION ALSO MADE INDUSTRIAL AND MUNICIPAL VISITS IN BOTH LINGUISTIC REGIONS OF BELGIUM. THEY DEVOTED ONE DAY TO MEETINGS WITH THEIR MIXED TRADING COMPANIES IN ANTWERP. THEY APPARENTLY HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE EUROPEAN
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3. MANJOULO STEERED CLEAR OF POLITICAL ISSUES WHILE IN BELGIUM. AT HIS JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KNOOPS, HOWEVER, HE RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EEC AND COMECON. IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS, HE STATED, "GIVEN THE WORLD SITUATION, COOPERATION IS NECESSARY

TO IMPROVE THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE. COMECON HAS TRANSMITTED TO THE NINE OF THE COMMON MARKET A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES. DOUBTLESS THE OUTLOOK OF THE EEC AND THAT OF COMECON DIFFER RADICALLY. BUT SINCE WE LIVE IN THE SAME EUROPE, AND WE ARE SIGNATORIES OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI, THE SOVIET UNION SEEKS THE MEANS TO COOPERATE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS."

4. MORE DETAILED REPORT IS PROVIDED IN BRUSSELS A-51 OF MARCH 3. RENNER

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